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SUBJECT: US PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. MR. AND MRS. STEVEN W. PAINE, PARENTS OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY MRS. JOHN MILLER, WHO IS A PRISONER OF COMMUNIST FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM, WILL BE IN ATHENS THIS SUMMER TO PARTICIPATE IN BIBLE TRANSLATION PROGRAM.

2. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE PAINES THAT THEY CONTACT MINISTER STEARNS AT EMBASSY AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION ON THEIR DAUGHTER, SON IN LAW, AND GRANDCHILD, WHO WERE AMONG A GROUP OF 12, MOSTLY MISSIONARIES, CAPTURED WHEN BAN ME THUOT WAS OVERRUN BY COMMUNIST FORCES ON MARCH 10. THERE HAS BEEN RECENT CONFIRMATION THAT THE GROUP CONTINUE TO BE HELD AS PRISONERS, BUT NO INDICATION OF HOW OR WHEN THEY WILL BE RELEASED. WE WILL KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE TO PASS TO THE PAINES.

3. THE PAINES' ADDRESS IN ATHENS IS:

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